

Joint Meeting Minutes

**Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education
Hyde County**

Monday, December 12, 2017

Cooperative Extension:

Hyde-Tyrrell Cooperative Extension Director Natalie Wayne and Extension staff served refreshments to the Board of Education and Board of Commissioners.

County Manager Bill Rich blessed the food.

Extension staff present included Lee Brimmage, 4-H Extension Agent; Connie Burleson, Administrative Assistant; Andrea Gibbs, Ag Agent; Renee Harvey, Family Consumer Science; Katie Jo Black, part/time JCPC Coordinator and, Gene Fox, Ag Agent.

Lee Brimmage presented "Report To The People" video of Extension activities over the past year.

Renee Harvey, Family Consumer Science, will join school family meetings.

Board of Commissioners:

After pledge of allegiance and opening prayer Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr. called the Joint Meeting of the Hyde County Board of Commissioners and Board of Education to order at 5:30p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke Community Center using electronic conferencing equipment.

The following members were present on the mainland: Chairman Earl Pugh, Jr.; County Manager Bill Rich; Assistant County Manager Kris Noble; Clerk to the Board Lois Stotesberry; Finance Officer Corrinne Gibbs and, Deputy Clerk Justin Gibbs.

Public Information Officer Donnie Shumate and members of the public were present on Ocracoke.

Vice-chairman Barry Swindell and Commissioners Ben Simmons, Dick Tunnell and Tom Pahl were absent.

Board of Education:

The following members were present on the mainland: Superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore; Chairman Randy Etheridge; Vice-chair Thomas Whitaker; Board Members Angela Todd, Myra Chandler and Aleta Cox; and, Finance Officer Ken Chilcoat.

Discussion – Board of Commissioners:

Opioid Task Force Update – Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, presented report on Hyde County substance abuse awareness, town meetings and opioid task force team training. The task force has three main goals: 1) education and prevention, 2) treatment resources (case navigator) and, 3) support for Hyde County local law enforcement officers.

Dr. Latimore reported he and Ms. Chandler met with the safety committee and with school principals to discuss drug abuse prevention programs in the school system.

Hyde County Youth Athletics Update – Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported 50 children are enrolled on the basketball team. Ms. Noble reported the County pays for the leagues insurance. She also reported the county does criminal background checks on coaches. Hyde County paid a stipend for coaches and the Health Department supplemented with equipment.

North Carolina Flood Insurance Map Update – Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported Mattamuskeet and O. A. Paey school building insurance premiums will drop when the new flood insurance maps are approved, effective December 2018.

Potential Partnerships at O. A. Paey – Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported on successful programs at the Davis School Building and a \$500,000.00 CDBG grant for roof repairs.

Dr. Latimore reported the O. A. Paey Gym is used by youth athletics for basketball practice. He reported the gym floors need to be repaired.

Chairman Pugh discussed grant funding to revitalize and add lighting to the ballfields at Davis and Paey School.

School Sewer Infrastructure - Dr. Latimore reported maintenance on the Mattamuskeet spray field costs \$25,000.00 per year. He recommended researching available funding to connect the school to the county sewer system when it becomes available.

Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, reported on three possible options for the county sewer system extension: 1) a small package plant at Mattamuskeet campus, 2) a sewer plant for the New Holland project or, 3) a sewer plant for New Holland and Mattamuskeet.

Upcoming Budget – Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, will prepare the upcoming FY2018-2019 Hyde County Budget proposal. Preliminary schedule for joint meeting with the Board of Education to discuss the upcoming school budget proposal is set for Tuesday, March 13th at 5:00p.m., in the Hyde County Government Center, Multi-Use Room, and the Ocracoke Community Center using electronic conferencing equipment.

Discussion – Board of Education:

School Funding and Projected Needs – Superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore and Manager Rich continued discussion of proposal for a new maintenance facility to service school and county vehicles. Dr. Latimore explained the state’s Board of Education budgetary shortfalls guaranteed for FY2018-2019.

Potential Partnership for a National Dark Sky Organization Observatory - Superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore reported Beaufort County Community College (BCCC) is considering partnering with Pitt Community College (PCC) to bring an observatory to Hyde County in 2020. The Hyde County Board of Education, Board of Commissioners and Chamber of Commerce will sign Memorandum of Agreement with PCC and BCCC and the International Sky Watchers Organization pending a suitable location in Hyde County for the observatory.

Energy Efficiency Project - Superintendent Dr. Randolph Latimore presented update on proposed energy savings and security upgrade for Hyde County School buildings.

Ken Chilcoat, Finance Officer, estimates energy savings of \$120,000 per year or \$1.8 million in fifteen years from upgrade to windows and lighting, etc. Mr. Chilcoat will conduct an investment audit and report the estimated cost of upgrades.

The Board of Education will continue discussion at its January 2018 meeting followed by a Resolution on the January 8, 2018 Board of Commissioners Agenda.

Conclusion:

Vice-chair Thomas Whitaker thanked everyone for positive collaboration and complimented the 4-H presentation.

Kris Noble, Assistant County Manager, will request a vote at the January Board of Commissioners meeting to meet on Ocracoke and tour the school in February.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 7:05p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes approved on the 8th day of January, 2018.

Attest:


Lois Stotesberry, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk, Hyde County Board of Commissioners


Earl Pugh, Jr.
Chair, Hyde County Board of Commissioners

